

NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of the 172 Meeting of the NAM Council on 4 November 2020 by video conference

Present

Gen Sir Richard Shirreff (Chair), Lt Gen Sir Simon Mayall, Mr William Wells, Mr Patrick Aylmer, Dr Paul Schreier, Mrs Sabine Vandenbroucke, Ms Jessica Spungin, Mr Guy Perricone, Professor Jonathan Boff, Mrs Judith Donovan.

In Attendance

Director, Deputy Director (Operations & Resources), Assistant Director (Enterprise), Committee Clerk (Minutes), Mr Richard Hughes, Mr Jamie Wilson, Mr Timothy Cooke, Mr Mike Robbins.

Item 1. Council Administration

Item 1.1 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed new Council Member Mr Andrew Roberts to his first meeting.

Item 1.2 Register of Members' Interests

The Register was made available in accordance with Charity Commission advice and no amendments or additions were made.

Item 1.3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from HRH the Duke of Kent, Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, Mr John Duncan, Ms Brenda Hobday and Brigadier Simon Banton.

Item 1.4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Matters Arising

The minutes were approved as a true record. The Chair ran through matters arising.

Item 2 Director's Update

The Museum would close to the public on 2 December and re-open as soon as legally possible.

Council were grateful for the Army's support and appreciated the flexibility and speed of response from Army HQ.

The focus for staff over the next four months was laid out.

Exhibitions and the digital public programme were progressing well.

Item 3. Finance

Council noted the financial summaries.

Item 4. Annual Accounts

The 2019/20 accounts were approved.

Item 5. Health & Safety Report

Council noted the Health & Safety report and thanked the Deputy Director.

Item 6. Reports from Committees

6.1 Building for the Future

The final payment to the construction company was in progress.

6.2 Performance, Audit & Risk Assurance Committee

The Committee Chair reported on a marcomms presentation at the last meeting and an update from human resources.

6.3 NAMTL

Council agreed with supporting NAMTL. The Chair of the NAMTL Board thanked Council for their support.

6.4 Development Committee

The Committee was looking at data from Chelsea History Festival for next year.

6.5 Collections & Research Committee

The Chair shared some interesting acquisitions since April.

The Fellowship was discussed. There was excitement at the prospect of the NAM potentially becoming the biggest sponsor of military research in the UK.

Item 7. NAM Institute

Council fully supported the creation of the NAM Institute and hoped it would become world standard.

Item 8. Any Other Business

Before closing the meeting the Chair thanked the Director for his leadership and Members for their time.